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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am writing in support of the petition currently before you (Docket #98P-0151/CP1) requesting that meat from downed animals be classified as adulterated. These animals, who are so sick or badly injured that they cannot even walk, are kept alive to suffer horrendous cruelty and neglect until they can be slaughtered; many die slowly from neglect before ever reaching the slaughterhouse. If their meat is classified as adulterated, owners will no longer have an incentive to prolong the agony of these unfortunate animals.

I have been following the plight of downed animals for a long time and am deeply distressed and frustrated that no progress has been made to protect them. Auctions and stockyards must be absolutely prohibited from sending downed animals to slaughter. I beg you to take moral action and rule favorably on this petition.

Sincerely,

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